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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: TARIFF QUOTAS EXTENDED
ON IMPORTS OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL

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1. MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND MINISTER FOR
BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAVE ANNOUNCED CONTINUATION
OF QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL WHICH WERE DUE
TO EXPIRE FEBRUARY 28, 1977. MINISTERS ALSO ANNOUNCED
INTRODUCTION OF TARIFF QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF TOWELLING
AND KNITTED PILE FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBERS, AND STATED
THAT A REFERENCE HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO IAC ON QUESTION OF
INTRODUCTION OF QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF CHILDREN' KNITTED
SUITS. QUOTA PERIOD IS MARCH 1, 1977 THROUGH FEB. 28, 1978.

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2. IN MOST CASES TARIFF QUOTAS AND PENALTY RATES FOR
ABOVE QUOTA IMPORTS REMAIN UNCHANGED (REPORTED REF (A)).
HOWEVER, THOSE CHANGES THAT WERE MADE, TOGETHER WITH
NEW QUOTAS INTRODUCED, REPRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE
IN PROTECTION. DETAILS OF CHANGES AND NEW QUOTAS ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

(A) KINTTED OUTERGARMENT SHIRTS FOR MEN, BOYS' AND INFANTS - NEW QUOTA 7 MILLION GARMENTS (PREVIOUSLY 12 MILLION).

(B) KNITTED UNDERGARMENT SHIRTS FOR MEN, BOYS' AND INFANTS - NEW QUOTA 8.5 MILLION GARMENTS (PREVIOUSLY 6.5 MILLION).

(C) WOVEN MAN-MADE FIBER FABRICS - ADDITIONAL DUTY ON ABOVE QUOTA IMPORTS - A 50 CENTS PER SQ.M. PREVIOUSLY 30 CENTS PER SQ.M.)

(D) ACRYLIC APPAREL YARNS - NEW QUOTA 1.4 MILLION KG. (PREVIOUSLY 1.878 MILLION KG.)

(E) KINTTED AND CROCHETED FABRICS - NEW QUOTA 2.8 MILLION KG. (PREVIOUSLY 3.390 MILLION KG.)

(F) PILE FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBERS (NEWLY INTRODUCED) - ANNUAL QUOTA LEVEL OF 100 PERCENT OF 1974-75 IMPORTS, ADDITIONAL ABOVE QUOTA DUTY A DOLS 2 PER SQ.M.

(G) TOWELLING (NEWLY INTRODUCED) - ANNUAL QUOTA LEVEL OF 100 PERCENT OF 1975-76 IMPORTS, ADDITIONAL ABOVE QUOTA DUEY A DOLS 2 PER SQ.M.

3. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS BEING FORWARDED IN THE FORM OF A PRESS RELEASE AND ATTACHMENTS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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